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Food (1948) Department.

SERIES.

G.O. No. 967

Dated 26-10-1948

[Despatch Abstract.]

Intensive Procurement and Rural Rationing - Introduction in certain Districts - Scale and composition of relief quota - Orders issued - Papers - Recorded.

Food (B) Department.

Memo No. 45303 B/48-1, dated 19-10-1948.

Sub: Intensive Procurement and rural rationing - Introduction in certain districts - Scale of relief Quota - Orders Issued.

Ref: (1) G.O.Ms.No.891, Food, dated 4-10-1948.
(2) From the Board of Revenue (CS) Ref.No.129704/48 dated 4-10-48.

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After the commencement of intensive procurement in the districts where it is proposed to introduce rural rationing; foodgrains will not be available in the open market and consequently during the interval before the introduction of rationing people cannot supplement to rations issued through relief shops and will find it difficult to get on with the existing scale of rations (viz., for rice extra - 4ozs. of rice plus 2 ozs. of other grains etc. The Government therefore direct that pending the introduction of rationing the existing relief shops in those districts where intensive procurement has been revived be allowed to distribute foodgrains at the scale and composition of ration prevailing in the statutorily rationed areas. The Board of Revenue (CS) is requested to issue necessary instructions to the Collectors in the matter and to send 5 copies thereof to the Government for information.

Sd. x x x
19-10-48.

To the Board of Revenue (Civil Supplies).
Copy to the Collector of South Kanara.

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OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF REVENUE(CIVIL SUPPLIES) CHEPAUK,
M A D R A S.

V.S. Hejmadi, Esq., I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

Ref. No. 13184 U4/48 (CS) dated 20-10-1948.

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Sub: Intensive Procurement and Rural Rationing - Introduction in certain districts - Scale and composition of - Relief quota - Orders - Issued.

Ref: Government Memorandum No. 46303/48-1, Food, dated 19-10-1948.

After the commencement of intensive procurement in the districts of South Kanara, Tiruchirapalle, Tinnevelly, South Arcot, Bellary, Kurnool, Cuddapah and Anantapur, foodgrains will not be available in the open market and, consequently, during the interval before the introduction of rationing, cardholders cannot supplement the foodgrains issued through relief shops and will find it difficult to get on with the existing scale of the relief quota. In Board's reference No. 12972 U4/48, dated 4-10-1948 orders have been issued already directing that in the municipal areas the present relief shops should be classified as retail agencies and that foodgrains should be issued according to the scale and composition prevailing in the statutorily rationed areas. As the cardholders in the rural areas also will be similarly handicapped for want of supplies in the open market, the Board directs that the scale of the relief quota in the above 8 districts in which intensive procurement has already commenced should be enhanced from 6 oz. to 8 oz. per adult per day. The composition will be as follows:-

Rice eaters:	Upto 6 oz. of rice; Upto 2 oz. of maize, milo and/ or local millets, according to availability.
Mixed diet eaters:	Upto 4 oz. of rice Upto 4 oz. of maize, milo and/ or local millets according to availability
Millet eaters:	Upto 2 oz. of rice Upto 6 oz. of maize, milo and/ or local millets according to availability.

The total quota will not exceed 8 oz. per adult per day. The taking of maize, milo and/ or local millets will be optional.

Habitual Wheat eaters: Habitual wheat and bread eaters, including those who take wheat on medical grounds, should be allowed 8 oz. whole wheat or 12 oz. of baker 's bread per adult per day.

N.S. Mani,
SECRETARY

To the Collectors of South Kanara, Trichinopoly, Tinnevelly, South Arcot, Bellary, Kurnool, Cuddapah and Anantapur.
To the Collectors of all other deficit districts (except Madras, Malabar and the Nilgiris) for information.
Copy to the Secretary to Government, Food Department, Madras.
Copy to the Regional Food Commissioner, Madras.
Copy to the Director of Information and Publicity (30 copies).
Copy to P.A.S. 1, A.S.2., 4.
Spare Copies 30.

Forwarded/By Order

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Food Department.

Memo. No. 45303 B/42-2, dated 26-10-1948.

Sub: Intensive Procurement and Rural Rationing - Introduction in certain districts - Scale and Composition of - Relief quota - Orders - Issued.

Read: (1) From the Board of Revenue (CS) Ref.No. 131848U4/48 dated 20-10-48 to the Secretary to Government, Food Department.
(11) From the Board of Revenue (CS) Ref.No. 131848U4/48, dated 20-10-48 to Collectors.

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The Government approve the instructions of the Board of Revenue (CS) issued to all Collectors in its reference second cited.

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26-10-1948.

To:
The Board of Revenue (CS)

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C.No.45303 B/48. Food (B) Department.

Rationing - South Kanara - Introduction of intensive procurement - Non-availability of foodgrains in rural areas - Increase of scale of relief quota.

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TO A.S.

Please see the D.O. letter from H.M. (P.H.) at pp.1-2 c.f. and the representations at pp-3-25 c.f. With reference to the revised policy of the Government to reintroduce controls over foodgrains, orders were issued bringing intensive procurement into force in South Kanara and Certain other districts with effect from 5-10-48. Consequently it is represented that no foodgrains are available in the open market for supplementing the relief quota allowed through relief shops. The present relief quota is 6 ozs. per adult per day consisting of 4 ozs. of rice plus 2 ozs. of other grains for rice eaters. This is very meagre and people find it difficult to put up with this. As soon as rural rationing is introduced the scale and composition will be revised as in the case of statutorily ratice areas. In the mean time in the case of municipal towns in these districts the Board has already ordered that pending the introduction of statutory rationing the existing relief shops should be permitted to distribute rations to non-producers at the scale and composition of ration prevailing in the statutorily rationed areas, as during the interval between the commencement of intensive procurement and introduction of rationing people would find it difficult to get on with 4 ozs. of rice plus 2 ozs. of other grains. For orders whether this concession will be extended to the rural areas also of these ~~fidytiryd~~ districts.

Sd. x x x
19-10-1948.

TOA.S.

With reference to orders on p. 1 ante a draft Memo. is submitted. After issue the file may be circulated to H.M. (Food) and H.M.(P.H.) for perusal.

Draft telegram to collector of South Kanara is also put up as orally instructed.

Y. Secretary-

Sd. x x x
19-10-1948.

Telegram is not necessary. Send a copy of the order direct to the Collector of South Kanara.

Sd. x x x
19-10-1948.

Issued as Memo. No. 45303 B/48-1, dated 19-10-1948.
Read: From the Board of Revenue (CS) Ref.No.13184U4/48. dated 20-10-1948.

TO A.S.

The Board's ref- at p. 39 c.f. may be perused. After the introduction of intensive procurement in the districts of, South Kanara, Tinnevelly, Tiruchirapalli and South Arcot, people will not be able to supplement the relief quota issued through relief shops by purchase in the open market as foodgrains will not be available in the open market consequently they will find it difficult to get on with the relief quota, now allowed through relief shops, viz. 4ozs. of rice plus

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2 ozs. of the other grains for rice eaters etc. The Government therefore ordered that during the interval from the commencement of intensive procurement and the introduction of rural rationing, people should be allowed foodgrains through relief shops at the scale and composition prevailing in the statutorily rationed areas viz. ~~shops~~ 8 ozs or rice on other grains for rice eaters etc. It was not the intertion of the Government that rural areas should be treated differently from municipal areas in this regard. The Board's presumption that the intention of the Government is to raise the overall ration to 8 ozs. but to allow ~~re~~ 6 ozs. rice only to rice eaters (the remaining 2 ozs. being given in other grains) through the relief shops is not correct. The Board however says that the stock position of rice in the Province is not such as to warrant the issue of shops 8 ozs of rice in the rural areas. The offtake of rice through relief shops in the ~~Ceded~~ districts and South Kanara , South Arcot, Trichy, and Tinnevelly Districts when the rice quota was 6 ozs. in relief shops is given below:-- Ceded

W.E. 28-8-48.	W.E.4-9-48.	W.E.11-9-48.	W.E.18-9-48.
4676 tons	4482 tons	4234 tons	3874 tons.

It may be observed that there is a gradual reduction in the offtake in relief shops. This may be due to gradual reduction in the number of relief shops and also due to local hargests now-giving on in certain parts of these districts. If the rice ration in the eight districts is increased to 8 ozs. the offtake is not likely to increase more than $\frac{1}{3}$ x 3874 tons or 1291 tons per week or about 5000 tons per months. This is not a large quantity considering the fact that intensive procurement will be in operation in these districts. As it is proposed not to introduce intensive procurement for in Ceded Districts ~~with~~ the present, the commitments will be even less for a month or ~~third~~ two. In the circumstances it is for consideration whether the Board will be informed that it is the intention of the Government to apply the scale and composition of ration prevailing in statutorily rationed areas viz. 8ozs. of rice to rice eaters etc to the rural areas of the districts where intensive procurement has commenced. For Orders.

Sd. x x x
21-10-1948.

The Board has issued general instruction to the Collectors of the concerned districts that the ration should be 6 ozs, of rice and 2 ozs. of other grains in the rural areas of the districts where intensive procurement has been introduced vide p. 49 c.f. It is for consideration whether we need now interfere.

No need to interfere with it. Sd. x x x
22-11-48.

TO ARS.

A draft Memo to the Board is submitted. After issue the papers may ~~now~~ be recorded.

G.O.Ms.No.967, Dated 26-10-1948.
Intensive Procurement and rural rationing . Introduction in certain districts - Scale and composition of relief quota - Orders - Issued- Papers - Recorded.

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26-10-1948.

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